

Letterston Community Action Group

Public Meeting

Minutes

February 27th 2014.

Opening:

The public meeting of **Letterston Community Action Group** was called to order at 7.30 pm on February 27th 2014 in Letterston Memorial Hall by Pat Radford (chairperson).

Present:

The committee: Pat Radford (Chairperson), John Woore (Treasurer) Sue Thomas (Secretary) Jean McCarthy Lawrie Mc Carthy Rose Murphy Liz Cartwright (PLANED)

In addition 9 members of the public attended.

Apologies

There were no apologies.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes for the inaugural public meeting of this group.

Introduction and welcome.

The chairperson welcomed all to the open meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Liz Cartwright (PLANED) was introduced & welcomed.

New Business

PR: listed the organization that she has approached for new members to join the group, the Buffs, the school i.e parent governor, others.

Paul Hart volunteered to represent the Buffs.

The secretary's report:

Questionnaires were distributed throughout the village and will be collected at the end of March. A report of the findings will be drawn up and published on a website (if possible) and in paper form.

The treasurers report:

A bank account with Barclays Bank, Fishguard, is in place but not yet up and running. As soon as this happens JW will approach PLANED for their start up grant.

Website costs are £600 approx. Thus, too expensive. However it may be possible to attach to other websites e.g. the hall website. There is a method of managing the website through "Word Press" but has to be maintained and this will need a team of volunteers.

LC (PLANED) suggested approaching PAVS for help with this and will give JW the contact.

The Chairpersons Report:

The committee were thanked and also the people who distributed the questionnaires. LC from (PLANED) was thanked for publishing copying and stapling the 400 questionnaires.

Sue & Russell were thanked for allowing a collection point in their shop.

PR outlined the priorities for this group:

To reduce speed on the A40.

To install a pedestrian crossing on the square.

To install traffic lights .

To install dog waste bins.

PR has contacted the Trunk Road Agency and Edwina Hart. The A 40 is under review and the speed restriction will be reviewed by early summer.

A petition has been drawn up by the elderly residents of Letterston regarding crossing the A 40 and requesting a crossing with lights. Interviews were taken at the Luncheon Club from this aging group. On this occasion they are transported to the Luncheon Club but remain concerned about traffic and speeding traffic whilst getting to the local shops and having to cross the main road.

A recent road repairs team disclosed the fact that the electrical components are in place for lights.

Another concern was that parking on double lines causes chaos at the junction to A 40.

There are complains regarding the lack of any dog waste bins. Dog waste is a problem in some areas of the village.

Lack of social events for the elderly and those less mobile.

A Friendship/Social/Coffee Morning group has been suggested. The village has 3 halls, Memorial, St Giles and Saron Vestry.

Jill Gwilt is to set up a Coffee Shop in the Jubilee in the near future.
Free/voluntary transport would be needed for those less mobile.

Concerns had been raised regarding lack of facilities for the children & young people. There were reports of minor damage to public property, noise and the worry caused to older people.
Dangerous cycling was also brought up.

A Charity worker, Emma Lewis has been approached by PR for advice regarding obtaining grants. As EL is extremely busy it may be worthwhile going to Swansea to meet her face to face.

The need for play facilities for young children. This is especially so as more and more new houses are built.

A suggestion was made for a face book page. This would need to be monitored with safe guards put in place. It will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The Youth Club had been approached to design a logo and have now produced a number of ideas. These will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The Chairperson listed the Action Plan for this year as:

A 40 reviews-continue correspondence with concerns.

Involve Dyfed Powys Police re speed limits.

Draw up another petition from young children and their parents re traffic/crossing.

Put in place dog waste bins-council to be approached.

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The floor was opened for questions and comments.

Pharmacy-the committee were approached by a person wanting to set up a pharmacy but no more has been heard about this project. The public agreed this would be beneficial and will be supported if the opportunity arises.

Dangerous trees. Fallen trees have caused concern. Tom Richards (Local Councilor) has been approached with this problem and it is council business.

Involving youth. Money needed via grants etc. to set up activities. The youth club could be asked to set up a facebook page.

Questionnaires-more to be put in shop. Sue thanked for this offer.

Brynawelon development falls into Wolfscastle boundary.

Support Community Council by writing to the County Council re yellow lines.

Janet Williams and Babs Johnston (Community Councilors) to join this group.

The next **committee meeting** is on Weds May 28th , 10.00 am at PR home.

Agenda for next Public Meeting

The report. This will be devised from the questionnaires on the villagers' attitudes, ideas and concerns.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8.20 pm by the chairperson. The next **public meeting** will be in September, the public will be informed of date and time via notices in local shops.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Thomas

Approved by: Pat Radford